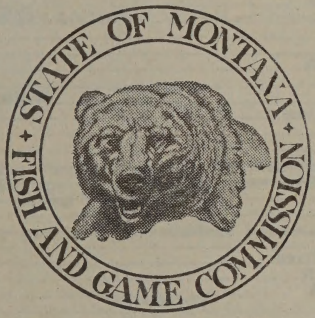
Synopsis of

MONTANA

FISHING REGULATIONS

1953



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Types of Licenses and Fees

Resident Bird and Fish License	$ 3.00
Resident Big Game (Must be holder of class A license)	2.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-Resident 6-Day Limited Fishing	3.00
Non-Resident Bird	25.00
Non-Resident Big Game and Fishing	100.00
Trapper's License (Must be holder of Class A license)	10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License	10.00
Non-Resident Fur Dealer's License	50.00
Fur Dealer's Agent's License	10.00
Beaver Permits (to land owners or lessees only) (minimum) (additional charge of $1.00 for each beaver over ten)	10.00
Taxidermist's License	15.00
Outfitter's and Guide's License	10.00

The holder of a Resident or Non-Resident Big Game License is entitled to take one deer, one elk, one bear, and one goat, during the open season thereon.

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses.

Shipping Permits	$ .60

Shipping permits are obtained either direct from this office, from Deputy Game Wardens or license agents and are necessary when any resident ships fish, game animals or parts thereof out of the State. Non-Residents may not obtain shipping permits to ship fish out of the State. (These permits are attached to Fishing Licenses.) Non-Residents must obtain shipping permits to ship game animals or game birds out of the State.

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Game Animals—Deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, goat, bear and bison.

Fur-Bearing Animals—Martin or sable, otter, fox, muskrat, fisher, mink and beaver.

Predatory Animals—Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, wild cat, raccoon, weasel, skunk and civet cat, black-footed ferret and bobcat

Game Fish—All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger and walleye pike or yellow pikeperch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskelunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

Upland Game Birds—Sharptailed grouse, blue grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, fool hen, ruffed grouse, quail, Chinese pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ptarmigan and wild turkey.

Migratory Game Birds—Waterfowl, including wild ducks, wild geese, brant and swans; cranes; including little brown Sandhill coots and whooping cranes, rails, including gallinules, sora or other rails, shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitcher, gotwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets and yellowlegs, and mourning or turtle doves.

FISHING REGULATIONS
Effective May 17, 1953

To be in full force and effect through May 15, 1954, unless otherwise specified, subject to change, however, by the Commission. For up-to-date information inquire of your nearest Deputy Game Warden.

Regular Open Season: May 17, 1953 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Regular Closed Season: November 16, 1953 to May 15, 1954, both dates inclusive.

The above regulations apply except where otherwise specified in the paragraphs below or under the county regulations following.

Hours of Fishing: Open from 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, in all waters unless otherwise specified.

Winter-Fishing Gear: The following regulations shall apply only to certain waters designated under county regulations open to winter fishing. It shall constitute a misdemeanor for any person to use more than one line with two single hooks attached, said hooks not to be larger than size 8, in any water where winter fishing is designated and where the use of winter fishing gear is specified.

Baiting Fish: It shall constitute a misdemeanor for any person to introduce any food or substance into the water of this state that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits.)

Fish for Bait: It shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $25.00 or more than $500.00 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment for any person to transport, possess, and/or use for fish bait, any whole non-game fish, dead or alive, except as hereinafter provided under county regulations. All waters of the state shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish, dead or alive, unless their heads have been removed. (This regulation shall not apply to non-game fish with their heads removed or to the use of sculpins (Cottus) for fish bait.)

License not required for children under fifteen (15) years of age.

All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and fish cultural stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times.

All waters not mentioned in these regulations are open to fishing for all species during the regular open season.

The aggregate bag and possession limit on all species of trout, char, Lake Superior whitefish, and salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, except where otherwise specified. This daily limit shall not include more than five (5) fish less than seven (7) inches in length. The bag and possession limit on Rocky Mountain whitefish shall be fifteen (15) fish, except as otherwise specified.

The bag and possession limit on grayling shall be five (5) fish, except as otherwise specified.

The bag and possession limit on pike and pikeperch (walleye pike and sauger) of all species shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day, of which

no sauger or walleye pike shall be less than twelve (12) inches in length.

The bag and possession limit on northern pike shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day, of which no northern pike shall be less than eighteen (18) inches in length.

The bag and possession limit on bass of all species shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

These regulations shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been frozen, dried, salted, or otherwise preserved, weight limits to be computed by dressed weight, with heads and tails intact.

Chapter 100, Laws of 1949 ". . . It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the state, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission . . ."

Means of Taking: Game fish shall be taken only by angling, that is by hook and single line in hand or single rod in hand, or within immediate control, except where otherwise specified.

Non-game fish may be taken in any quantity during the open season by angling or with set-lines in waters designated open to set-line fishing.

Minnows of non-game fish variety may be taken with a seine, not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter (¼) inch mesh only in counties hereinafter mentioned where the regulation allows the use of same. Use of minnow seines in all other counties unlawful: snares or fish traps unlawful to use or have in possession.

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait in all waters in Montana. These may be taken with window screen or a piece of netting not to exceed four (4) feet in length.

Sale or possession of salmon eggs or imitations thereof shall be absolutely prohibited.

Set-lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated otherwise. When set-lines are permitted, said set-line is not to exceed one hundred (100) feet and not more than six (6) hooks shall be attached thereto.

Floats on set-lines prohibited.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except as provided for under sockeye fishing regulations.

Sockeye Fish Regulations During Spawning Season: From October 1 to December 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, the limit on sockeye salmon shall be thirty-five (35) fish per day and not more than two days' limit in possession in waters hereinafter enumerated under county regulations.

The remainder of the year between May 1, 1953, and April 30, 1954, the regular possession limit shall prevail.

In these waters, snagging sockeye with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted from October 1 to December 15, 1953, both dates inclusive. During the balance of the open season, the general fishing regulations shall be in force. Snagging sockeye salmon shall be allowed with not more than three (3) treble hooks attached to a line in hand, or with a pole in hand with not less than forty-eight (48) inches of line between pole and hook nearest pole.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: (1) That portion of the Big Hole River from Divide Dam to three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam, (2) Upper and Lower Red Rock and Swan Lakes, (3) that portion of Red Rock between the Upper Red Rock Lake and the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge boundary.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: All lakes and their tributaries shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, with the exception of Elk Lake, Brown's Lake and Reservoir Lake, which are to be governed by the regular open season and except those closed entire year.

All streams tributary to Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, except as provided under "Closed Entire Year."

Winter Fishing Season: The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish only during the winter fishing season. Only winter fishing gear shall be used. (1) Red Rock Creek from Lima Dam to its confluence with Horse Prairie Creek, (2) the Beaverhead River from the confluence of Red Rock Creek and Horse Prairie Creek to its confluence with the Jefferson River, (3) the Big Hole River below the bridge which spans the river at Divide, to the Beaverhead-Madison County line.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Minnow seines not allowed. Small fish for bait with the exception of sculpins(Cottus) not allowed.

Other: Blacktail Creek from its intersection with Highway No. 91 to its confluence with the Beaverhead River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The limit on eastern brook trout in Beaverhead County shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There shall be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.

BIG HORN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None. (Note: The following Tribal lands described in the Crow Indian Reservation are reserved by the Tribal Council for fishing only by Indians on the Crow Reservation. In grazing districts Numbers 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, and portions of districts 25 and 33 which are Tribal Lands.)

Open Entire Year: The Bighorn River, the Little Bighorn River from its confluence with the Bighorn River to the Highway No. 87 bridge at the Francis Eggart Ranch, Willow Creek Reservoir, Tongue River, Tongue River Reservoir, and for fishing of warm water fishes only, all other reservoirs.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait. Use allowed.

Other: The creel limit on Willow Creek Reservoir shall be five (5) fishs, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish per day.

All reservoirs with the exception of Willow Creek Reservoir shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

BLAINE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Milk River, Missouri River and all Reservoirs north of Highway No. 2, shall be open to fishing with the following excpetion: Black Coulee Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: Black Coulee Reservoir shall be

open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed except all reservoirs south of Milk River shall be closed to fishing with small fish for bait, as per the general regulation.

Other: All reservoirs north of Highway No. 2 shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

BROADWATER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That portion of the Missouri River within three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam.

Open Entire Year: The Missouri River.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed, except sculpins (Cottus) may be used and all non-game fish may be used in the Missouri River.

Other: None.

CARBON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The first West Fork of Rock Creek shall be closed to all fishing permanently from the mouth of Washoe Creek (near Wild Bill Lake) to its confluence with the main stream of Rock Creek.

Open Entire Year: Bluewater Creek, Yellowstone River, and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon County during the regular fishing hours, except for the portion of the Clark Fork open to set-line fishing which shall be open at all hours.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) That portion of the Clark Fork River lying within Carbon County shall have a bag and possession limit of fifteen (15) fish of which not more than ten (10) may be trout. (2) that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Carbon County shall have a bag and possession limit of thirty (30) fish of which not more than one (1) shall be trout.

Set-Line Fishing: Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the first bridge north of Belfry, Montana to the confluence with the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana, and only four (4) lines may be used (per person).

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait, and small non-game fish from the Yellowstone River and the Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River (from the first bridge north of Belfry, Montana, to the confluence with the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana) with the exception of carp, may be used in said river.

Other: The bag and possession limit for eastern brook trout in the Clark Fork River Drainage shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.

That portion of Rock Creek lying between Harley's Bridge and the sewer flume below Red Lodge shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

CARTER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Little Missouri River and Box Elder Creek shall be open the entire year for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for fishing.

CASCADE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Middle Creek Dam and the entire Middle Creek from the dam to its confluence with Wooden Shoe Creek.

That portion of Giant Springs enclosed or surronded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

Spring Creek Reservoir at the Sieben Ranch at Adel on the East Fork of Hound Creek.

Open Entire Year: Tintinger Sloughs, Missouri River except as provided below and all reservoirs for the fishing of warm water fishes. The regular fishing hours shall prevail on the Missouri River between Holter Dam and Morony Dam.

Other Than Regular Season: That portion of the Missouri River from the Giant Springs Channel between the island and the upper end of the Great Falls State Fish Hatchery property to a point approximately fifty (50) feet below the lower pond, a distance of about three hundred and fifty (350) feet, and extending three hundred (300) feet out into the river channel, shall be closed to fishing from November 16 to May 17 each year, and open during the regular season.

Sun River in Cascade County shall be open for winter fishing and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River below Morony Dam.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Seines not allowed. Sculpins (Cottus) allowed and small fish allowed only in the Missouri River and Sun River in Cascade County.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None

Open Entire Year: That portion of the Marias River and the Teton River lying within Chouteau County and the Missouri River. All reservoirs to the fishing of warm water fishes.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River, Marias and Teton Rivers in Chouteau County only.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

CUSTER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Experimental pond on John Holdbrook Ranch in Sec. 7, T5N, R48E.

Open Entire Year: All waters except those closed entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River and the Powder River for all species of fish. The Tongue River from its confluence with the Yellowstone River to Twelve Mile Dam, for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing for warm water fishes at all hours, except the pond closed entire year.

DANIELS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs, the Poplar River and Wolf Creek.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing for warm water fishes at all hours.

DAWSON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided below.

Other Than Regular Season: Johnson and Lindsay Reservoirs shall be closed to fishing from May 1 to June 13, both dates inclusive, of each year and open thereafter until April 30.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River except that a portion from the Intake Dam to the Ferry Cable which shall be closed throughout the entire year. All species of fish may be taken.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

DEER LODGE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek.

Big Spring in Georgetown Lake, in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south on the shore line out into the lake.

Flint Creek where it empties into Georgetown Lake shall be closed from its mouth at Georgetown Lake to the Granite County line, that part of Stewart Mill Creek above where the fence crosses it on Bowman's Pasture, and Hartdla Creek between Georgetown and Silver Lakes shall be closed the entire year.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: Excepting Goergetown Lake, Echo Lake, and Silver Lake, all other lakes and their tributaries shall be closed to fishing from November 15 to June 30 each year and shall be open during the balance of the regular fishing season.

The first bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam next to Highway No. 10A, and that portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to July 31, 1953, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the balance of the regular fishing season, and during the winter season.

Georgetown Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed to all fishing from November 16 to November 30, and from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive. Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from December 1, 1953 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive.

Fishing shall be allowed in open waters or through a hole in the ice for all species of fish in Silver Lake from December 1, 1953 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

Echo Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular fishing season only.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) may be used and shiners from Georgetown Lake may be used in said lake.

Other: The limit in Georgetown Lake shall be ten (10) fish in the aggregate and not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

That portion of Warm Springs Creek from the bridge at the city dump road west to the Lescants Bridge on Highway No. 10A shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

FALLON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Experimental pond on Rieger Brothers' Ranch in Sec. 22, T8N, R56E.

Open Entire Year: All waters except those closed entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Box Elder Creek and O'Fallon Creek for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters open to fishing at all hours for warm water fish, except that pond closed the entire year.

FERGUS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs and the Judith River from its confluence with Big Spring to the confluence with Missouri River, the Missouri River and Crystal Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: None.

FLATHEAD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: South Fork of the Flathead River from Highway No. 2 bridge to Hungry Horse Dam. The Swan River from the hydroelectric plant to the highway bridge and from the Big Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam; Smith Lake (North of Whitefish Lake); the stream between Middle and Big Ashley Lakes; all tributaries to Roger's Lake and Roger's Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these tributaries enter the lake; Stillwater River from the Northwest Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the Dam.

Herrig Creek, a tributary of the Bitterroot Lake; Bitterroot Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where Herrig Creek enters; all tributaries of Big Ashley Lake, Big Ashley Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these tributaries enter the Lake; Hatchery or Rand Bay; Big Ashley Lake (Upper Ashley) for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from the outlet.

Big Creek, Coal Creek and Whale Creek, tributaries to the North Fork of the Flathead River, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

Trail Creek (Yakinikak Creek) shall be closed the entire year from where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River, Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Spoon Lake (Nine Mile Lake) shall be closed to fishing.

Open Entire Year: Flathead Lake, except that portion two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake which shall be closed each year from March 1st to the beginning of the general fishing season; and that portion in front of the Somers Hatchery property line three hundred (300) feet out into the lake which shall be closed from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, each year.

Whitefish Lake, McWiniger Slough, Emmert Solugh, Egan Slough, Lake Five and adjoining Mud Lake, Half Moon Lake, Lake Blaine, Fenny Slough, Blanchard Lake, Upper and Lower Stillwater Lakes, Samsen Lake, Spencer Lake, Echo Lake and adjoining Peterson Lake, Skyles Lake, Meadow Lake, Smith Lake (Kila area), McGregor Lake and Middle Ashley (Lone Lake), and Foy's Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: The following lakes; Bootjack, Fire, Finger, Dog, Hole-in-the-Wall, Thornburg, Big and Little Martin, Chinook, Beaver, Dollar, Doyle, Hansen and Murray shall be closed to fishing for all species of fish from October 1 to November 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the year.

Big Ashley Lake shall be open to fishing from June 14 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of fish to be five (5), not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Swift Creek, Logan Creek from its mouth to the fourth bridge above Tally Lake, Little Bitterroot River and its tributaries including Hubbard Reservoir to the main falls above Canyon Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year.

Rogers Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1953 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

The so-called Pothole Lakes southeast of Creston, shall be open to fishing from November 15 to June 15, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year. The boundaries shall be the Broeder logging road at its junction with State Highway No. 35 beginning at Phil Buck's residence, thence in an easterly direction to the Foothill Road, thence along the Foothill Road in a southerly direction to the Echo Shore, thence in a westerly direction to State Highway N. 35, and thence along State Highway No. 35 in a northerly direction to point of beginning.

That Echo Lake, which shall continue to be open the entire year, shall not be included in this special season.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull Trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. Bull trout caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages less than eighteen (18) inches, must be carefully returned to the water.

Stoner Creek and Spring Creek that flows into the mill pond of the Kalispell Lumber Company, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Snagging of sockeye salmon is allowed as per the general sockeye regulation in Flathead Lake including Swan River, from its mouth to the Highway bridge below the power house, in Whitefish Lake, and in the Flathead River from the mouth of the South Fork of the Flathead River to the old red bridge below Columbia Falls.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The Madison River and tributary streams from Hebgen Dam to Cabin Creek. That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from Storey Street Crossing to Keggy Lane and that portion from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the city of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: The Missouri River, the Gallatin River between its confluence with the Missouri and Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5).

Other Than Regular Season: Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive; the tributary streams above Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 30 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. The bag and possession limit for Hebgen Lake shall be ten (10) fish or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

(1) All of the Madison River and its tributaries between its confluence with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County and Meadow Lake in Madison County, shall be open from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed through the remainder of the year. (Exceptions to above; See "Winter Fishing Season.")

(2) The Madison River from Cabin Creek to the Madison-Gallatin County line, shall be open to fishing from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

(3) All lakes in Gallatin County except Hebgen Lake, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

(4) That portion of the West Gallatin River and its tributaries, including the East Gallatin River and its tributaries between the Williams Bridge and Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5), shall be open to fishing from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. (Exceptions to above; See "Winter Fishing Season.")

Winter Fishing Season: The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish only during the winter fishing season. The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) whitefish, and they shall be taken only by the use of winter fishing gear; (1) The Madison River between Red Bridge on the Norris Road in Madison County and its confluences with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County; (2) That portion of the Jefferson River lying in Gallatin County; (3) The main Gallatin River from Trident Bridge (County Brdige No. 5) to mouth of the East Gallatin River; (4) The East Gallatin River from its mouth to the Todd Stevens Birdge, and the West Gallatin River from its confluence with the East Gallatin River to the Williams Bridge.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to

June 30 each year, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait.

Other: Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device is prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek in Gallatin County to within three hundred (300) feet of the buoy markers in Meadow Lake in Madison County.

That portion of Camp Creek lying between the bridge at Amsterdam and the third bridge upstream a distance of two (2) miles, shall be closed to fishing by all persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1 3/4) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Hebgen Lake.

GARFIELD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters, including Fort Peck Reservoir. Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to closure as a safety or security measure by the U. S. Army Engineers.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Fort Peck Reservoir and the Musselshell River in Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Garfield Counties.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters, including Fort Peck Reservoir, are open at all hours for fishing of warm water fish unless Fort Peck Reservoir has been closed by U. S. Army Engineers.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

GLACIER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary.

Open Entire Year: The Marias River, Hope Lake, Duck Lake, Upper and Lower Mission Lakes, Lower St. Mary's Lake and Cut Bank Creek from the Marias River to the Great Northern Railroad Bridge at Cut Bank.

Other Than Regular Season: Lower Two Medicine Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1953 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and during the regular open season.

Deep Creek, the inlet to Dog Gun Lake from the Blackfoot Reservation—Lewis and Clark Forest Boundary Line and a portion of Dog Gun Lake included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said creek, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed during the balance of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Marias River, use allowed. Remainder of county, use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs, except Deadman's Basin Lake. The Musselshell River from the Burgoyne Railroad Bridge to its confluence with Fort Peck Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: None.
Set-Line Fishing: None.
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed, except in Deadman's Basin Lake.
Other: The limit of fish on Deadman's Basin Lake shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish per day.
All reservoirs, with the exception of Deadman's Basin Lake, shall be open at all hours to fishing for warm water fishes.

GRANITE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Flint Creek from Echo Lake to three hundred (300) feet below Echo Lake and East Fork of Rock Creek from East Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below said dam. Little Fred Burr Lake, Big Fred Burr Lake, Stewart Lake, Fuse Lake and Smoke Lake.
Open Entire Year: None.
Other Than Regular Season: All lakes and their tributaries in Granite County shall be open to fishing from July 1st to November 15 each year, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year, except as follows: In addition, the bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam, next to Highway No. 10A, shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to July 31, 1953.
Set-Line Fishing: None.
Winter Fishing Season: (1) Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m., and 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays; (2) Racetrack Lake; (3) that portion of Rock Creek lying in Granite County from the West Fork bridge to the Missoula-Granite County line, for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (cottus), which are allowed, and shiners from Georgetown Lake may be used in said Lake.
Other: The limit in Echo Lake, East Fork Rock Creek and Georgetown Lake shall be ten (10) fish in the aggregeate in any one day and the possession limit shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.
Trout Creek from its confluence with Flint Creek to the first bridge on the Skalkaho Road, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

HILL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Milk River within three hundred (300) feet below Freson Dam.
Open Entire Year: Milk River, from three hundred (300) feet below Freson Dam to Blaine County line, and Fresno Lake.
Other Than Regular Season: Creedman Coulee Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. Lake Thibadeau Refuge shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.
Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.
Other: Fresno Lake and Milk River shall be open to fishing at all hours.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.
Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: Same winter fishing season.

Winter Fishing Season: Jefferson River for whitefish only and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus), which are allowed.

Other: The Little Boulder River from Whitetail bridge to the first bridge above Crowley's Dam and Boomerang Creek Dam and the Boy Scout Pond located near the Boy Scout camp at Trask, Montana, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs except Ackley, Kolar and O'Brien.

Other Than Regular Season: Ackley Lake, from spillway to three hundred (300) feet into the lake, shall be closed to fishing from May 17 to May 29, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing Season: Kolar, O'Brien and Ackley Lakes.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: The daily limit of fish on Kolar, O'Brien and Ackley Lakes either singly or combined shall be five (5) fish per day, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

That portion of Wolf Creek from the bridge on Highway No. 87 to the bridge at the rearing pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

LAKE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The shoreline of the East shore of Flathead Lake extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake near the Polson Hatchery beginning at Dr. Richard's northern property line and extending to the Thometz Boat Dock on the south.

Hell roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source.

Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source.

Mission Creek, from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake.

Open Entire Year: Kicking Horse Reservoir, Flathead Lake except as provided below, and the Flathead River below Kerr Dam.

Other Than Regular Season: Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan and those portions of Lake Mary Ronan, three hundred (300) feet into the lake in all directions from these streams, shall be open from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Except for the main dikes, Ninepipe Reservoir and Pablo Reservoir, shall be closed to fishing from March 1, to July 15, each year, both dates inclusive, and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and open throughout the balance of the season. Fishing will be allowed from the main dikes, on

posted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, during the entire year, excepting the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

An area of shoreline of Flathead Lake, 750 feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay, the area to be marked by signs and extending three hundred (300) feet into the Flathead Lake shall be closed to fishing during the sockeye salmon spawn taking operations from October 1 to December 15, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing Season: Swan Lake.

Set-Line Fishing. None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus), which are allowed.

Other: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull Trout), caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages, shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. Bull Trout, caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages, less than eighteen (18) inches, must be carefully returned to the water.

Snagging of sockeye salmon is allowed as per the general sockeye regulation in Flathead Lake, including Swan River, from its mouth to the highway bridge below the power house.

The limit on sockeye salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish, except during the snagging season.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: North Fork of Sun River from Gibson Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam; Gravelly Range Lake.

Open Entire Year: Missouri River and its main stem impoundments. Regular fishing hours shall prevail between Holter Dam and Morony Dam.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) Willow Creek Reservoir, (2) North Fork of Sun River to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River and Sun River in Lewis and Clark County, to whitefishing only, and only winter fishing gear shall be used; (3) Bean's Lake, (4) Nilon Reservoir.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River, from Three Forks to Holter Dam, shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used and all non-game fish may be used in the Missouri River.

Other: The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not larger than one and three-quarter (1 3/4) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Gibson Reservoir, Diversion Dam, Beans Lake and Nilon Reservoir.

Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device shall be prohibited at all times in Wood Lake.

Wendell's Lake, also known as Cox's Lake, at the head of Davis street in Helena, Montana, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

South Fork of the Sun River, from the bridge on Highway No. 20, east of Augusta, to the bridge on Highway No. 33, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Maries River.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed in the Marias River. Remainder of county, use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Slimmer Creek, Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes; O'Brien Creek, from the intake of the city water supply for Troy to its source; Red Top Creek; Cyclone Creek; Hell Roaring Creek; Meadow Creek in the Yaak River drainage; Spread Creek; Pete Creek; Sullivan Creek; the East Fork of Pipe Creek and Boiling Springs Creek.

Open Entire Year: The following lakes shall be open to fishing: Loon Lake, Horseshoe, Thompson Lakes, Crystal, Lavonne, Leone, Bootjack and Rainbow, near Happy's Inn; Loon, Timber, Dudley Slough, O'Brien, Sophia, Moran, Carpenter, Rock and Frank or Island Lakes in the Eureka district; and Spar Lake, Grouse Lake, Bull Lake in the Troy district; Tom Poole Lake north of Libby.

Yaak River from the mouth to the falls; O'Brien Creek from the mouth to the city dam; Star Creek from the mouth to the falls; Lake Creek from the mouth to the Power Company Dam; and the Kootenai River.

Other Than Regular Season: Kilbrennan Lake, and Loon Lake at the head of Pipe Creek shall be closed to all fishing from September 16, 1953 to May 15, 1954, both dates inclusive, and open during the remainder of the regular fishing season.

Leigh, Upper and Lower Cedar Lakes, Upper nad Lower Geiger Lakes, Sky or Owassa Lake, Miner Lake, Double Lake, Standard Lake, Wishbone Lake, Bramlet Lake, Woolverine Lakes, Terriault Lake, Bluebird and Lakes in Hanging Valley shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive.

School House Lake and Shannon Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1953, to April 30, 1954, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

Dickey Lake shall be closed to fishing from October 1 to December 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: Rattlebone Lake, Murphy Lake and Glen Lake; Fisher River from where Highway No. 2 crosses the main Fisher River to its confluence with the Kootenai River, for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: Kootenai River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Callahan Creek from its confluence with the Kootenai River to the Falls in the lower canyon and the Troy Rod and

Gun Club's annual kid's pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (1) years of age and over.

Tobacco River within the corporate limits of the town of Eureka shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

In the tributary streams of the Falthead Drainage in Lincoln County in the Stryker area, the minimum size of Dolly Varden, (Bull Trout), which may be taken shall be eighteen (18) inches, with head and tail left intact. Bull Trout caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages, less than eighteen (18) inches must be carefully returned to the water.

MADISON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Harrison Lake, (Willow Creek Dam), except that portion of the lake known as the Norwegian Creek Arm; Willow Creek, inlet to Harrison Lake or Willow Creek Dam from the confluence with the lake to the weir approximately two hundred (200) feet above state spawning traps; The Madison River for a distance of three hundred (300) feet below Meadow Lake (Ennis Lake) Dam; The Ruby River and the irrigation canal from the Ruby River Dam to the Anderson Sheep Bridge; the inlet to Wade Lake for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions, so marked by permanent markers.

Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: Ruby River and tributaries and Ruby Reservoir shall be open to fishing from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. (Exception: See Winter Fishing Season.)

That potrion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam) known as Norwegian Creek Arm shall be open to fishing from June 1 to July 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. The daily limit to be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

All lakes and their tributaries in Madison County except Meadow, Ruby Reservoir, Wade and Cliff Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

All of the Madison River and its tributaries upstream from the Madison-Gallatin County line to Meadow Lake shall be open from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. (Exception: See Winter Fishing Season.)

Meadow (Ennis) Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular open season and from January 1 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, on Sundays and legal holidays only, the winter limit to be five (5) trout.

That portion of the Madison River and tributaries from Meadow (Ennis) Lake to Cabin Creek, shall be open to fishing from May 17 to September 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year except as follows: That portion of the Madison River and side channels between Ennis Bridge and the markers three hundred (300) feet into Meadow (Ennis) Lake shall be closed to fishing from May 17 to June 13, 1953, both dates

inclusive, and open to fishing during the remainder of the regular fishing season

The east arm of Cliff Lake shall be open to fishing for whitefish only from November 16 to December 15, 1953, both dates inclusive; however, the limit on whitefish in the east arm of Cliff Lake shall be fifty (50) whitefish from October 15 to December 15, 1953, both dates inclusive

WINTER FISHING SEASON: The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish only during the winter fishing season, and they shall be taken only by the use of winter fishing gear; (1) The Ruby River from Kelly's Bridge at Alder to its confluence with the Beaverhead River, (2) that portion of the Madison River between the Red Bridge on the Norris Road downstream to the Madison-Gallatin County line, (3) that portion of the Madison River between the Ennis Bridge and the Hutchins Bridge, (4) that portion of the Jefferson River lying within Madison County, (5) the Big Hole River from the Silver Bow-Madison County line to its confluence with the Jefferson River.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device shall be prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek in Gallatin County to within three hundred (300) feet of the buoy markers in Meadow Lake in Madison County.

That portion of the stream located one-half mile east of the town of Twin Bridges, known as Lott's Slough or drain ditch, from its source to the crossing of the old road one mile north of Twin Bridges shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Spring Creek within the Ennis Hatchery grounds shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1 3/4) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Wade, Cliff, Hidden, Meadow, and Harrison Lakes.

McCONE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharged channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided under "Closed Entire Year," with the exception that Fort Peck Reservoir and the tunnel and spillway areas are subject to closure by the U. S. Army Engineers as a safety or security measure.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River, except that portion below Fort Peck Dam beginning from the marked cable below the concrete tunnel apron to its confluence with the Milk River, including the dredge cuts and spillway channel, which shall be closed to set-line fishing.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

MEAGHER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Supply Canal from the concrete drop to its confluence with Martinsdale Lake; Castle Lake, Flagstaff Creek; tributaries to Holliday Lake, Holliday Lake and the North Fork of the Musselshell River from Lake Harris (Durand Reservoir) to the falls.

Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other than Regular Season: Camas Creek shall be open to fishing from May 17 to September 15 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

In addition to the regular season, Lakes Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The canal to Lake Martinsdale from the headgate to the drop shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The limit on Lakes Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale, either singly or combined shall be five (5) fish per day not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

MINERAL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Silver Creek and Packer Creek.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: All tributaries to the St. Regis River shall be open from May 17 to July 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing from May 17, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: That portion of Fish Creek from two hundred (200) feet above the Healin Logging Company bridge to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Thompson Creek and Flat Creek near Superior shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Two Mile Pond, NE¼, Sec. 28, T18N, R28W, which is fed by the St. Regis River, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

MISSOULA COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Rattlesnake Snake Creek from the Montana Power Company Dam to its source; Clark Fork River from the

Bonner Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam; the East and West Forks of Lolo Creek and their tributaries; Miller Creek (near Missoula); the South Fork of the Jocko River and all its tributaries including Crazy Fish Lake.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other than Regular Season: That portion of the Clark Fork River from three hundred (300) feet below the Bonner Dam shall be open to fishing from May 17, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive and closed the remainder of the year.

In addition to the regular season, that portion of Rock Creek from the Granite-Missoula County line to its confluence with the Clark Fork shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

In addition to the regular season, the main Bitterroot River and the main Blackfoot River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The use of any trolling device with more than two (2) blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1 3/4) inches in the longest dimension shall be prohibited in Placid Lake.

Rattlesnake Creek from Montana Power Company Dam to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except Miller Lake, Willow Creek and Lake Mason.

Other Than Regular Season: Lake Mason, including Miller Lake, shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.

Set-Line Fishing: Musselshell River in Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Garfield Counties.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs except Miller Lake open to fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

PARK COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

Other Than Regular Season: Aldrich and Dailey Lakes shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and during the general fishing season.

Winter Fishing Season: The following waters shall be open to fishing during the winter fishing season. The bag and possession limit shall be thirty (30) fish of which no more than one (1) may be trout and they shall be taken only by the use of winter

fishing gear: (1) The Shields River from the Poor Bridge above Wilsall to its confluence with the Yellowstone River, (2) that portion of the Yellowstone River lying in Park County.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait, and small nongame fish from the Yellowstone River, with the exception of carp, may be used in the Yellowstone River.

Other: The Sacajewea Lagoon in Sacajewea Park, Livingston, to its confluence with the Yellowstone River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The legal bag limit on eastern brook trout in the Clark Fork of the Yellowstone Drainage in Park County shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no legal size or number limit within this weight limitation.

PETROLEUM COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Patrolia Reservoir.

Open Entire Year: All waters except Patrolia Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River and the Musselshell River in Petroleum, Musselshell. Rosebud and Garfield Counties.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters except Patrolia Reservoir open at all hours to fishing of warm water fishes.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except the drain canal at McNeil Station rearing pond and the Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge.

Other Than Regular Season: The Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed the balance of the year. Hewitt Lake shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters open at all hours to fishing of warm water fishes.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

PONDERA COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Marias River and the Dry Fork of the Marias River.

Other Than Regular Season: The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth

of said canal shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1953 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Lake Francis shall be open to fishing from the beginning of the regular open season to February 28, both dates inclusive, each year, and closed during the balance of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow and Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: The inlet canal from Kunkle drop to Lake Francis, Lake Francis, and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis, shall be open to the snagging of sockeye salmon as per the general regulations between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.

POWDER RIVER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regualr Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Powder River and the Little Powder River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed:

Other: All waters shall be open at all hours to fishing of warm water fishes.

POWELL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Nevada Creek from the Nevada Creek Dam and spillway to three hundred (300) feet below said dam and spillway.

Open Entire Year: Brown's Lake and Upsata Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: All lakes and their tributaries in Powell County, except those open or closed entire year, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, with the exception of the following lakes but not their tributaries: Rock Creek Lake and Miller's Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular season.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) Jone's Lake, (2) Cooper's Lake, (3) Rock Creek Lake, on Sundays and legal holidays from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time. (4) Little Blackfoot River from where the highway bridge crosses at Ellis-ton to its confluence with the Clark Fork, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, for whitefish only and only winter fishing gear shall be used, (5) Big Blackfoot River in Powell County for white-fish only, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Minnows and Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Cottonwood Creek, near Deer Lodge, from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the confluence of the South Fork of Cottonwood Creek shall be closed to fishing by all persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

PRAIRIE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing at all hours.

RAVALLI COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The West Fork of the Bitterroot River within three hundred (300) feet below the Little Boulder Dam (West Fork Dam).

The waters of the South Fork of the West Fork, south of Alta, Montana; Meadow Creek and Marten Creek, both tributaries of the East Fork of the Bitterroot River.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: All waters, with the exceptions as provided under "Closed Entire Year" shall be open to trout fishing during the regular season. Whitefish may be retained only from the regular opening day to August 31, both dates inclusive, each year. Also the main Bitterroot River, the West Fork of the Bitterroot to Alta, Montana, and the East Fork of the Bitterroot River shall be open for whitefishing only from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and during the winter fishing season only winter gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishnig: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River and the Missouri River. All species of fish may be taken in the Yellowstone River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open to fishing at all hours.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided for Medicine Lake under "Other than Regular Season."

Other Than Regular Season: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake as shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and also from November 15, 1953, to March 31, 1954, both dates inclusive, through a hole in the ice only.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing at all hours.

ROSEBUD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Experimental ponds on the Ben Arnold Ranch in the following locations: (1) Sec. 30, Twp. 5N, R41E; (2) Sec. 20, Twp 4N, R41E; (3) Sec. 28, Twp. 4N, R41E; (4) Sec. 4, Twp. 3N, R41E.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as noted under "Closed Entire Year."

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River and the Musselshell River in Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Garfield Counties. All species may be taken in the Yellowstone River. Great Porcupine Creek from the bridge at Hammond Road to confluence with Yellowstone River, Little Porcupine Creek from Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Roalroad bridge to confluence with Yellowstone River, Armells Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with Yellowstone River, Rosebud Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with Yellowstone River, Graveyard Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with Yellowstone River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing at all hours with the exception of those "Closed Entire Year.

SANDERS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the town of Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source. Boiling Springs Creek tributary to Lower Thompson Lake. Dry Fork Creek.

Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: The Flathead River.

Other Than Regular Season: Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing from May 17, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Burgess Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice for all species of fish from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive.

In addition to the regular season, the Thompson River shall be open to whitefishing only from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the confluence of Big Hole Creek from January 1 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays and only winter fishing gear shall be used. All waters from the bridge at the lower end of the Rock Creek Meadows to their source and Rock Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Hot Springs Creek running through the town of Hot Springs shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

That water located on the Ray E. Meadows property in the NW¼ Sec. 5, Twp. 22N, R 30W, Pilgrim creek from its source to the intake of the Noxon water supply shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided for Medicine Lake under "Other Than Regular Season."

Other Than Regular Season: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake which shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, 1953, both dates inclusive; and also from November 15, 1953, to March 31, 1954, both dates inclusive, through a hole in the ice only.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

SILVER BOW COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That branch of the Big Hole River known as the Butte Angler's Club Rearing Ponds, from the headwater to where it flows into the main channel of the Big Hole River, (a distance of about one mile), shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam is prohibited.

Basin Creek from the lower reservoir dam to its source including all reservoirs and tributaries.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other than Regular Season: Fishing shall be allowed for whitefish only in the Big Hole River from the Bridge which spans the river at Divide to the Silver Bow-Madison County line from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing:. None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Bell Creek and Brown's Gulch shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

STILLWATER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: West Rosebud River from the head of Emerald Lake to the Montana Power Plant.

Open Entire Year: Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m.

Other Than Regular Season: Hailstone and Halfbreed Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Stillwater County the limit of game fish during the winter fishing season shall be thirty (30) fish of which no

more than one (1) may be trout and they shall be taken only by the use of winter fishing gear.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used and non-game fish taken from the Yellowstone River, with the exception of carp, may be used for bait in the Yellowstone River.

Other: Sheep Creek running through the town of Absarokee shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

SWEETGRASS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The Yellowstone Sloughs from the State Fish Hatchery grounds to its confluence with the Yellowstone River.

Open Entire Year: Lindsay Lakes and Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m.

Other than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Sweetgrass County the limit on game fish during the winter fishing season shall be thirty (30) fish of which not more than one (1) may be trout and they may be taken only by the use of winter fishing gear.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used and small non-game fish taken from the Yellowstone River, with the exception of carp, may be used for bait in that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Sweetgrass County.

Other: None.

TETON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Hanan Rearing Pond, and the North Fork of Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam.

Open Entire Year: Bynum Reservoir and Arod Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: The Pishkun Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, with the exception that it shall be closed to fishing during the waterfowl hunting season each year.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) North Fork of Sun River to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River and Sun River in Teton County shall be open to winter fishing and only winter fishing gear shall be used, (2) Split Rock Lake, (3) Arod Lake,

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed in Split Rock and Arod Lakes during the winter fishing season only. In the remainder of the county, use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Spring Creek, from the Milwaukee bridge to its confluence with the Teton River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device is prohibited in Tunnel Lake.

Pishkun Reservoir shall be open to shore fishing from May 17 to November 15, both dates inclusive, each year, and the east pond shall be open to fishing from boats from July 15, to October 1, each year both dates inclusive, subject to change by order of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

TOOLE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Marias River and all reservoirs stocked with warm water fish.

Other Than Regular Season: O'Haire Reservoir shall be open to fishing from May 17 to August 16, 1953, both dates inclusive, and from October 1 to November 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed in Marias River. All other waters use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all times.

TREASURE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River for all species of fish. Sarpy Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with the Yellowstone River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

VALLEY COUNTY:

Closed Entire Year: That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharged channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided under "Closed Entire Year," with the exception that Fort Peck Reservoir and the tunnel and spillway areas are subject to closure by the U. S. Army Engineers as a safety or secuirty measure.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River and Fort Peck Reservoir, except the dredge cuts below Fort Peck Dam and spillway and the Missouri River from the Dam to its confluence with the Milk River

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters except those closed entire year, shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all hours. Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

WHEATLAND COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: Lake Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive. Lebo Lake shall be open to fishing from January 1 to March 31, 1954, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The daily limit in Deadman's Basin Lake, Lebo Lake and Lake Martinsdale shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

WIBAUX COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Bear Creek and all reservoirs except lamesteer.

Other Than Regular Season: Lamesteer Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, 1953, both dates inclusive, from the county bridge along the south shore of the lake to the spillway of the dam. The balance of the lake shall remain closed the entire year.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River and Beaver Creek for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters stocked with warm water fishes shall be open to fishing at all hours.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Yellowstone River and all Reservoirs for the fishing of warm water fish.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River from the Yellowstone-Treasure County line to the bridge on Highway No. 12 at Laurel, for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying between the Stillwater-Yellowstone County line and the bridge on Highway No. 12 at Laurel, from December 1, 1953, to February 28, 1954, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of game fish shall be thirty (30) of which not more than one (1) may be trout, and winter fishing gear shall be used.

Arnold Drain from the Billings Bench Water Users Canal to the N. P. Industrial Site access road, Danford Drain and Hogan Slough shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

NOTICE OF NEW LAW

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish eggs into any body of water in the State, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

IT IS UNLAWFUL

To refuse to show license on demand.

To use more than single pole and/or single line.

To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.

To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit.

To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) into any body of water.

To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.

To use set-lines except in such water as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.

To use or have in possession a fish spear.

To shoot fish with rifle or gun.

To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any cororsive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or any tags from said license to any person.

FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena Office asking for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.

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